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**Broward House**

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## News From The House



### Greetings!

Welcome to the new Broward House online newsletter. These newsletters will be coming at you quarterly to keep you up to date on what is happening, not only at Broward House, but in the South Florida HIV/AIDS community in general. We welcome your feedback and input. Please feel free to email us and let us know what you think of the new format and what you would like to see in upcoming issues.

Thank you all so much, and enjoy the rest of your summer

**Sincerely,  
Broward House**

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### IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Meet the TBRV Program

The Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program is a HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS) funded housing Program. TBRV is intended to provide long term housing stability for persons living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA TBRV is a program that provides permanent housing to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA TBRV operates similar to a Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) however with fewer entry criteria to ensure that persons living with HIV/AIDS have access to decent, safe, and affordable housing resources. They opened their waitlist in June 2009 and had a waitlist lottery on July 8th, 2009 to create a 300 name list, currently they assist 270 families. The TBRV program has assembled a great team that is working hard to not only provide housing but is also making sure their tenants are linked to needed services. The TBRV Program is putting the heart back in public housing! The members of the TBRV program are;

**TIFFANY ANDRETTA ARIEAGUS**, Lead Housing Specialist: Entertainer, Activist & Advocate. I have been an activist in the fight against HIV/AIDS since the beginning. Long before the Government acknowledged and made funds available, I traveled

### Broward House helps people regain their lives



Courtney Grannum is a 69 year old male born in Georgetown, Guyana in 1940. He lived there with his mother and four brothers until he was 19.

Mr. Grannum moved to America in 1969 where he married in 1971 and lived with his wife for the next 6 years.

Mr. Grannum started painting signs at age 15. He was never trained nor taught to paint. He recalls one day as he worked painting a sign, he saw a man painting a picture of a pool table on a wall. "It was so real, so alive; this fascinated

the Country helping to raise money to bring awareness and much needed funds to people and organizations affected and infected with HIV/AIDS. I have worked in the field for 13 years and during my time at Center One I started the first Transgender Program in Broward County and worked diligently to bring awareness to the ever growing epidemic in the forgotten transgender community. I truly enjoy my work in the TBRV program being able to make a difference in so many people's lives!

**ADAM ROSE**, Lead Housing Inspector / Specialist: I am 40yrs old; married with a wife that works full time and goes to school full time for her masters in family therapy. I have 3 kids, 16, 12, and 5yr old. My 12yr old has ADHD and my 4yr old is autistic and they keep us very busy but I love it. I like to hunt and fish when I get a chance. I have been a housing inspector for 3 yrs and home inspections for 5yrs. I was in the carpenters union for 5yrs in N.Y. and work non union for 5yrs and cooked for Outback Steakhouse for 10yrs+ and with TBRV Program for almost 15 months and enjoy it very much.

**RON WALKER**, Housing Inspector: First of all I would like you all to know how happy I am to be a part of this great organization. I have lived in the Oakland Park/Wilton Manors area since 1956. Attended Northeast High School and after graduating went to work with Florida Power & Light Co. where I went thru an apprenticeship program to become an electrical lineman. I left FPL to pursue an opportunity to work overseas in Saudi Arabia building a generating system and transmission lines. After returning to the states I joined Bellsouth where I worked as a Telecommunications technician for 18 years. After leaving Bellsouth I set up a home repair business and became a licensed real estate agent. I currently live in Wilton Manors with my wife, Yvonne and my son, Christopher.

**TANDY BOATWRIGHT**, Housing Specialist: I am a military brat and the only girl out of 5 children, so I guess you can say I'm just a brat. I am originally from Fort Knox, Ky. I came to Florida after divorcing my ex military husband. And after 15 years I had the guts to get remarried on December 24, 2009, (Merry Christmas Charlie Brown). I am a mother of 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy. In the bunch, a daughter who graduated from college on May 8, 2010. I am a student at Palm Beach Community College. And I have been a housing specialist for 5 years. Before I entered into the world of housing I worked with Sherwin Williams and Mabson Investigations. This is my first time working in the field of HIV/AIDS, and people are people. Working with individuals can be quite challenging, it all comes down to one conclusion; people make the world go round. After saying that, I'll say this; It is an honor to work with an agency that really cares for the people, and really tries to make a difference.

**SUSAN CHANG**, TBRV Program Data / Finance Clerk: Migrated from Trinidad about 10 years ago and moved to New York where I spent 6 years and then relocated to Florida where I have lived for the past 4 years. I am married and have two beautiful kids whom I adore, a girl and a boy who are 8 and 5 respectively. I work full time here at Broward House and I must say that ever since I got involved with this organization about one and a half years ago, it has changed the way I view life. I feel very happy to be part of

me and lit that desire to paint pictures."

Mr. Grannum painted his first portrait in 1965, a picture of his godson. He did not paint another portrait again until he moved to Broward House in 2001.

Since then he has painted portraits of Venus and Serena Williams, Tiger Woods, Martin Luther King, President Barack Obama, Michael Jackson and Magic Johnson just to name a few.

Courtney recently had his paintings on display during World AIDS Day. He paints to relax.

When asked about his paintings and the feelings he wants them to captivate he says this: true beauty can only be seen with the heart

## Broward Bares It!

A one night trapeze through the world of TANTALIZING TEMPTATIONS, TITILLATING TEMPTRESSES, and, TORRID TESTOSTERONE

Here is your chance to see some of your favorite Fort Lauderdale local talent and national dance troupes



perform and take it off, all for a good cause at Passion, located at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on Friday, August 13, 2010 beginning at 7:30 pm.

Some of the talent already confirmed include C&J Productions, Burlesque Bambi LaFluer, Nikki Adams, The Full Monty Boys, Dance Attack, Electra, Micky Havens, Debra Hampton, Erika Norell, Jesse

the TBRV team and I am also very blessed to be part of this wonderful organization.

**HOPE LASLEY-MOORE**, Reception: Moved to South Florida in 1999 from Montgomery County Maryland were all my family resides and my two wonderful Sons, one is currently in the U.S. Marines and so proud of them. I have been employed by Broward House since December 2004 and worked in the finance Department as the Payroll clerk until May 2008. Then in June 2008, I transitioned to the Client Services Center as the receptionist. This was a totally different experience for me working directly with the public after having worked in health care institutions both corporate and private for many years in finance. The TBRV Program was added to the Client Services Team and my position was extended to them as well. The quality and quantity of service provided by the TBRV Team is amazing and I have learned a lot about the Housing Program and working with the diverse clients we serve.

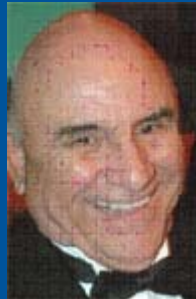
**GARY HENSLEY**, Housing Program Director; I have worked in the HIV/AIDS field since the early 90's. I became involved when I had three very close friends pass away from AIDS related illnesses. I have served on the HIV/AIDS Planning Council, The Board of Directors of Friends Alliance & the PWA Coalition. I was honored to receive both the Life Preserver Award & Footsteps in the Sand award in 2008. My goal in life is to be remembered as someone who strived to help as many people as possible to improve their quality of life.

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### Staff Profile: Carmine Martorilli

#### Tell us about your years before coming to Florida?

I'm originally from Waltham, Mass. and as a child was always interested in design, so much so that my mother used to punish me for rearranging the furniture while she was at work. I enlisted in the army and was stationed in Hawaii as the clerk for the motor pool and the driving school. Afterwards I attended the Boston Cooking School and worked in Maine as the sous chef at the Blue Hill Pavilion. I also attended the Boston Conservatory of Music, studying ballet, voice and performing arts. My sister Joan and I were a dance team and performed in many venues. And, if that wasn't enough, I decided to go to the Mansfield Beauty Academy and worked as a part time beautician.



#### What brought you to South Florida?

I moved here in 1969 and became the display manager for Mangurian's Furniture where I was in charge of the model program, overseeing the design of over 200 model homes. I was there for 9 years. After that I worked for several showrooms at DCOTA.

#### Tell us about some of the other places you've volunteered for.

Carlo, Jennifer McClain & Lapair Productions!! Interested in performing? Contact Nikki Adams at [NAdams@BrowardHouse.org](mailto:NAdams@BrowardHouse.org).

This one night only, two hour, sexy and steamy burlesque event of both male and female singing and strip performances, will culminate in the ultimate "Strip Off" finale featuring all the performers on stage at once. Guests are encouraged to tip the performers during their performances (the more you tip, the more that comes off, so bring lots of \$\$'s!!!).

The performer who gets the most tips before and during the evening will receive a special surprise and gift!!

Can't make the event, visit the [BrowardBaresIt.com](http://BrowardBaresIt.com) web site and donate to the performers through the online system letting you know that they support them, even though you can't be there in person!!

Broward Bares It is an HIV/AIDS fundraiser for Broward House, Broward County's oldest and largest HIV/AIDS community service organization providing a myriad of social services, including housing and medical care, to over 6,000 Women, Children, Men and Families in South Florida.

#### The goal for "Broward Bares It" is an ambitious \$100,000

Tickets for this event start at only \$25. Joining us and supporting our performers is a great way to be a part of the experience and make a difference. All the performers this evening are donating their time and talents to this endeavor, so make sure to tip them well!!

Visit the website to get tickets now at [Http://www.BrowardBaresIt.com](http://www.BrowardBaresIt.com)

In 1989 I volunteered at Heath Care Network because of all the friends I was losing to AIDS including my long time partner Bill who passed away at the age of 46 in 1991. I've also volunteered at MCC Church, The Names Project, the original Gay Men's Chorus, South Florida Lambda Chorale, Gala Chorus's and my passion, The Smart Ride. The Ride started in 2000 as the Walgreen's Red Ribbon Ride, then became the Clear Channel Ride, then Bike and Bear it, where we raised money through the sale of Red Ribbon Teddy Bears, and finally in 2005 became the Smart Ride.

**When did you come to Broward House?**

I came to Broward House in 2007 when Shelley Goren asked me to be the Community Outreach Specialist.

**You work tirelessly for the Smart Ride, what's your motivation?**

I got involved with Smart Ride because of my partner passing while I remained HIV negative and I wanted to help prevent anyone else from going through what I did with my partner's 14 month battle.

**What do you think makes you such a likeable person?**

I'm a straight forward person. Don't ask me a question that you don't want to know my opinion on. When I make a friend, they're a friend for life.

**How did you meet your current partner?**

Pompano Bill introduced me to Bob one night at the Alibi. Later that evening I was on the computer and he popped up. We have been together for 3 years now and very happy.

**What's your life's motto?**

I don't know why people don't just live it, instead of trying to muck it up!!!!!!

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**What is The MProject?**

The MProject, a program of Broward House, is a social group, for young gay or bi-sexual guys, and offers activities as an alternative to bars or clubs. The group is focused on guys between the ages of 18-30 and focuses on empowering them to be active in their community while encouraging positive behavior to benefit themselves and others.



The MProject is currently located at the Broward House satellite office located in Wilton Manors at 2800 N. Andrews Ave. Some of the fun social events and activities they provide are: movie nights, sports, art outings, music events, parties and more.

We encourage guys between 18 - 30 to stop by and take a tour of the MLounge. This is a place where you can relax and feel comfortable. It has been nicely equipped with computers to search the web, music, TV and video games. This is also where meetings and some of their events are held.

You will also find support groups and prevention counselors available so you can talk and learn about Safer Sex, HIV/STD's and other related topics.

Come check them out soon!!

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Help us help others



Congratulations to the Broward House AIDS Walk team on raising close to \$14,000 in this year's Florida AIDS Walk.

The winning department was Case Management and the highest raising employee was Pheonix Adams. Have fun at your Pizza Party Case Management!

**Forming Fundraising Partnerships**

By Jerry Algozer, VP/CDO Broward House

Broward House, like so many non-profit organizations, is experiencing its share of challenges raising money in our present economy.



[Http://www.TheSMARTRide.org](http://www.TheSMARTRide.org)

**165 Miles  
100% to Charity**

**November 18 - 20, 2010**

The SMART Ride began as a dream to create a bicycle event where 100% of monies raised could go back to the communities to be used for direct HIV/AIDS services. That was over seven years ago, and so far over 2.2 million dollars have been raised, of which 100% has been given back to the benefiting agencies to assist with services for individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in their communities.



The SMART ride usually attracts between 400 - 500 participants (riders and crew) from across the State of Florida each year and range in age from 18 to 73.

A SMART Ride sponsor wants an opportunity to give back to the community. Sponsors donate cash, products, service and also put together ride teams. Thanks to them, the SMART Ride is able to donate 100% of the monies raised back to the community.

It takes all of us to make a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Remember the famous quote by anthropologist Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Come join us on our 165 mile journey from Miami to Key West. It is an experience you will never forget!

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But challenges force us to work harder and be more creative than we already are. One of the ways we are increasing visibility and fundraising capacity is by working collaboratively with community groups and businesses and other non-profit organizations.

Broward House continues to strive to be part of the efforts to achieve cooperation within the LGBT community. We are members of the Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's GLBX, the Gay and Lesbian Business Exchange and The Not for Profit Center striving to create partnerships between non-profits and for-profit businesses. We are also leaders in the creation of the Rainbow Business Coalition, among whose many goals is the creation of a community calendar where events can be posted in advance so we can support rather than compete with other events.

Broward House will continue to work cooperatively through our outreach and marketing efforts to achieve not only our goals, but also assist other non-profits and businesses to achieve theirs. We are committed to cooperation and collaboration. It is our pleasure to serve the more than 6000 persons with HIV/AIDS we assist annually and a pleasure to work beside the organizations, businesses and community leaders striving to make this a better community for everyone.

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